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SUMMARY: AT OCTOBER 22 MEETING POLADS: (A) HEARD FRG REACTIONS TO PREVIOUS ALLIED COMMENTS ON THE GERMAN SEPT 24 EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS PAPER (REF C); (B) EXCHANGED A NUMBER OF COMMENTS ON THE OCT 15 IMS PAPER (REF B) ADDRESSED TO THE GERMAN PAPER; AND (C) AGREED THE IS WILL NOW PREPARE A PAPER SUMMARIZING POLADS DISCUSSIONS TO DATE ON THIS SUBJECT, WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO SEEK AGREED COMMON POSITION. END SUMMARY

1. FOLLOWING FRG COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ALLIED COMMENTS ARE KEYED
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TO PARAGRAPHS IN SEPT 24 FRG INFORMAL PAPER (SEE REF C):

A) PARA 3. BONN STILL LIKES ITS ORIGINAL TEXT AND DOES
NOT THINK IT WILL LEAD TO AUTOMATIC LINKAGE BETWEEN MANEUVERS

TO BE NOTIFIED AND MANEUVERS SUITABLE FOR EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS.
NOR DOES BONN INTEND TO PRECLUDE COUNTRIES FROM INVITING
OBSERVERS TO SMALLER NATIONAL MANEUVERS.

B) PARA 5. WITH REGARD TO GREEK SUGGESTIONS THAT THE PAPER
MIGHT EMPHASIZE PRIORITY FOR INVITATIONS BEING ISSUED TO NEIGHBOR-
ING STATES, BONN FEELS THAT AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, ALLIES
SHOULD TRY TO AVOID SETTING UP SUCH SPECIAL CATEGORIES IN FAVOR
OF ATTEMPTING TO MAINTAIN THE PRINCIPLE OF "ALL PARTICIPATING
STATES."

C) PARA 10. FRG AGREES TO THE PRINCIPLE OF LIMITING NUMBER
OBSERVERS BUT RECONIZES THAT IT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION TO TRY
TO LIMIT THAT NUMBER TO LESS THAN TWO.

D) PARA 11. BONN AGREES WITH NETHERLANDS OBSERVATION THAT
IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO REJECT AN OBSERVER WHO MISBEHAVES
AFTER BEING ADMITTED TO OBSERVE MANEUVERS.

E) PARA 12. CONCERNING OBSERVERS OF OTHERS ON THIS PARAGRAPH,
FRG WISHES TO POINT OUT PARA 12 MUST BE READ IN CONNECTION WITH
PARA 16. IN THIS WAY THE PRIVILEGES SPOKEN OF IN PARA 12 ARGUE
IN FAVOR OF OBSERVERS BEING ACCOMPANIED BY HOST ESCORTS RATHER
THAN THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

2. FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS FROM VARIOUS ALLIES ON OCTOBER 15
IMS PAPER (SEE REF B):

A) IMS GENERAL REMARKS: U.S. REP (LEDOGAR) DREW ON PARA 3
OF REF A. FRG AND BELGIUM AGREED WITH GENERAL THRUST OF IMS
PAPER. NETHERLANDS REP DID NOT THINK MSC'S SHOULD BE INVOLVED
IN COORDINATION IF MANEUVERS WERE ONLY BILATERAL, FOR EXAMPLE,
THE YEARLY MANEUVERS BETWEEN THE NETHERLANDS AND FRG.

B) IMS SPECIFIC REMARKS: (KEYED TO SPECIFIC IMS PARAS)
PARA C - U.K. WAS ANXIOUS THAT REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE GAIN IN NATO
INTELLIGENCE NOT BE MADE IN WRITTEN DOCUMENT ON CBM'S. FRG DID NOT
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AGREE EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS AT ALREADY PRE-ANNOUNCED MANEUVERS
WOULD ADD LITTLE OR NOTHING TO CREATE CONFIDENCE. PARA F - U.K.
WAS WORRIED THAT EMPHASIS ON INVITING NEIGHBORING STATES
WOULD ALL SOVIETS TO INVITE ONLY BLOC NEIGHBORS. PARA L -
DUTCH REP EXPANDED ON TECHNICAL PROBLEM OF INSISTING ON
OBSERVER'S RIGHT OF COMMUNICATION WITH HIS EMBASSY AND AGREED
PARA 13 OF FRG PAPER SHOULD BE DROPPED.

3. U.S. REP DREW ON PARAS 2 AND 3 ON REF A. FRENCH REP RECALLED
HIS OBJECTION TO ANY PAPER WHICH SET FORTH ONLY ONE OPINION; RATHER,
FORTHCOMING IS PAPER SUMMARIZING POLADS DISCUSSION SHOULD TAKE
INTO ACCOUNT ALL POINTS OF VIEW. U.K. REP QUESTIONED NEED FOR
IS PAPER STRAIGHT AWAY AND WONDERED IF COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT AWAIT

FURTHER IMS INPUT. ITALY, NETHERLANDS AND GREECE SUPPORTED IS
PAPER AS NEXT STEP. COMMITTEE AGREED IS WOULD TRY ITS HAND AT
"DISTILLING" POLAD WORK TO DATE ON THIS SUBJECT. (IS PAPER
WILL BE SENT SEPTTEL WHEN RECEIVED.)MCAULIFFE

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